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**Supporting Santa Monica's Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team Program**

The City of Santa Monica Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team (HMST) program provides integrated field-based services to chronically homeless adults with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and/or physical health problems. The HMST program is currently funded utilizing Third District Homeless Prevention Initiative funds through an agreement with the County that serves a cohort of 25 individuals identified by the City of Santa Monica and local hospitals as the highest utilizers of emergency service resources in the community. HMST clients are the City's most vulnerable chronically homeless residents and their average age is 49.6 years old, collectively they have a cumulative total of 304 years of homelessness, with one individual reporting 28 years of chronic homelessness.

The City of Santa Monica has frequently identified this program as integral to their success in reducing the impact of chronic homelessness by delivering street-based medical, substance use disorder, and mental health interventions to those for whom traditional outreach efforts and service delivery systems have been ineffective. HMST

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works with clients to develop an individualized wraparound service plan to stabilize their health and connect them to appropriate housing and supportive services while reducing their use of mainstream emergency services (i.e. fire/paramedics, police/jail, and hospitals).

On September 26, 2017, the Board approved a motion delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with the City of Santa Monica for: 1) the Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team contract for one year from the date of execution; and 2) allocated \$300,000 to the contract sum, utilizing Third District Homeless Prevention Initiative funds. That one-year agreement was executed on February 6, 2018. Through that agreement, the HMST program engaged 31 unduplicated chronically homeless individuals, placed 25 individuals in interim housing and 13 individuals into permanent housing, and referred 9 individuals to Santa Monica Homeless Community Court. With the success the HMST program has had in assisting chronically homeless adults in the City of Santa Monica, it is critical that the County continue to support this program.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors delegate authority to the Chief Executive Office to amend the agreement with the City of Santa Monica to:

1. Extend the contract term for one year, through February 5, 2020; and
2. Allocate an additional \$300,000 to the contract sum, utilizing Third District

Homeless Prevention Initiative funds, for a total contract budget of \$600,000.

S: MR/Supporting Santa Monica's Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team Program